

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-19 are pending in this application. Claims 16-19 are amended by the present amendment. As amended Claims 16-19 are supported by the original disclosure,¹ no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Kim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,421,499, hereinafter Kim) in view of Mishina (U.S. patent No. 5,745,643).

The outstanding rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 16 recites in part, “said still picture cell general information includes a start still picture object entry number for a still picture cell managed by the still picture cell information and an end still picture object entry number for the still picture cell.”

The outstanding Office Action cited the original PGC information tables in Figures 1 and 3 of Kim as “original program chain information.”² However, it is respectfully submitted that Kim does not describe that any of the cells 1 through n shown in Figure 3 of Kim include “a start still picture object entry number for a still picture cell” or “an end still picture object entry number for the still picture cell” as recited in amended Claim 16. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Kim does not teach or suggest “original program chain information” as recited in Claim 16.

Mishina has not been cited as describing “original program chain information” as recited in Claim 16. Further, it is respectfully submitted that Mishina does not teach or suggest “a start still picture object entry number for a still picture cell” or “an end still picture

¹See, e.g. the specification at page 81, line 25 to page 82, line 4 and Figures 31-34.

²See the outstanding Office Action at page 3, lines 10-11.

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object entry number for the still picture cell” as recited in Claim 16. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Mishina also does not teach or suggest “original program chain information” as recited in Claim 16.

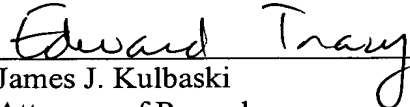
Consequently, as neither Kim nor Mishina teach or suggest “original program chain information” as recited in amended Claim 16, Claim 16 is patentable over Kim in view of Mishina.

Independent Claims 17-19 recite similar elements to Claim 16. Consequently, Claims 17-19 are believed to be patentable over Kim in view of Mishina for at least the reasons described above with respect to Claim 16.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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